

Coniston and Crake Valley News



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Churches in Coniston and the Crake Valley

St Andrew's Church, Coniston LA21 8EN

St Luke's Church, Torver LA21 8AZ

St Luke's Church, Lowick LA12 8EE

Holy Trinity Church, Colton LA12 8HF

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge LA12 7RQ

Tottlebank Baptist Church, Colton LA12 8HY

Welcomes you to our Sunday services from 10.30 to 11.30am followed by refreshments, and midweek prayer meetings on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. The church building is usually open daily 10am – 4pm for visitors and for private prayer. Our moderator is Rev. Andrew Dodd. For further information contact Chris and Margaret Hamps, hampsc@outlook.com

Coniston Methodist Church, Coniston LA21 8ER

The Sunday morning service is at 11.00am and a warm welcome awaits you. For further information contact Joyce Holland on **015394 41594**.

St Francis of Assisi Church of the Sacred Heart, Coniston LA21 8AW

Mass is held on Thursdays at 10.00am and Saturdays at 5.00pm. For further information contact Father Matthew Jacob on **01229 779673**.



This month's cover photo was sent in by Gill Tame.

Pastoral Letter from Revd Joanna Henson

Dear Friends,

I hope that you are having time for some rest and relaxation this summer. After the topsy turvy world we have lived through recently a little return to normality is very welcome, isn't it?

Mentioning 'recently' reminded me of something that happened lately in our house – or, to put it more exactly, on our front drive.

The rear parking sensors on my husband's car ceased to work for some reason and a diagnosis was deemed necessary. This was to involve our younger son kneeling at the back of the car with his ear to one of the sensors, which no longer worked, to check if it was detecting his presence and ticking.

But – and as Brian always reminds us – there was a but! A snag! In order to do this Bob had to be at the wheel with the engine started and with the gear box in reverse and the clutch pedal depressed!

Now I don't know about you – but I think that portrayed a great deal of trust between father and son, which set me thinking.

One of our affirmations of faith asks us "Do we believe and trust in God?" to which those present declare that they "Believe and trust in him". Now I know a fair few of you do believe in God but do you actually trust him? My son entrusted his life to his dad. Are we prepared to entrust our lives to God like that?

Some people imagine God to be some capricious, even spiteful, being who can shower blessings in one breath and in the next rain down catastrophe on us seeming uncaringly.

Now – while I believe that God requires a great deal from me in terms of doing my best to live a life following the teachings of his son, Jesus, I do not believe that he is responsible for the ills and woes of this world. Right from the start he never promised that it was going to be easy being human but he promised that he would never forsake us, that he would stick by us. We do well to remember that most, if not all the world's misfortunes are created by humans, mostly by selfishness and greed on the part of a few. Accidents always involve some human defect – not doing things right in the first place, taking chances etc.

People will also ask how God can send such distress when a gravely impaired baby is born? Why did God allow that to happen? We might ask the same thing about all diseases, in fact. I firmly believe that God did not cause them to happen. Creation of new life is a vastly complex enactment of God's creative power and it is small wonder that not every process will go according to his original plan.

However – we have a steadfast God who has not abandoned us but given us the reassurance of his presence with us day by day.

This is where prayers fit in, asking daily for resilience to cope and spending time listening to what he has to say to us to increase our confidence and trust in him.

With love and blessings

Your sister-in-Christ

Joanna

Church Services for September 2022

4th	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity		
St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Bikers' Breakfast	Christian Motorcycle Association
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
11th	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity		
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	Morning Worship	Donald Wroe
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Harry Welch
18th	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity		
St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Holy Communion , Harvest Service	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion, Harvest Service	Rev Brian Streeter
25th	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity		
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Methodist Service	Rev Sue Nichol
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Joanna Henson
St Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Holy Communion, Harvest Service	Rev Brian Streeter
St Luke Torver	7.00pm	Torver Junction	Rev Brian Streeter

From the Editor

We are still struggling to get the Magazine delivered to all households in Torver, so if you could help, even if just a few houses, please get in touch. I'm very grateful to all our volunteer deliverers who kindly deliver the magazines promptly to almost all the households in the four parishes.

The deadline for next month's edition is September 15th.

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From the Registers

Funerals

19th August Judith Mary Law

at St. Mary's, Penny Bridge

Baptisms

28th August Jacob Robert Martin Askew
and Mason Daniel Gerald Askew

at St. Andrew's, Coniston

Weddings

3rd Sept Rachel Jackson and Richard Geoffrey Walker at Holy Trinity, Colton

10th Sept Janice Johnston and Nicholas Monk at St. Andrew's, Coniston



Harvest Thanksgiving — Gratitude

The word harvest and the phrase harvest thanksgiving have little meaning to most people nowadays, especially city dwellers. We are divorced from the basic provisions that we all need.

But if there was a year when we might be more aware and more appreciative than this year may be the year. The war in Ukraine has not only brought horrors, destruction and death to the people of Ukraine, but the risk to the harvest there has also brought the

spectre of possible hunger and famine to 100s of millions or more.

But it is not only the basic provision of foodstuffs (that Christians credit to Jehovah Jirah, God the Provider) that we should all appreciate. Here in Cumbria and locally in the Crake Valley, our farmers work tirelessly and with great dedication to maintain the land and provide our food. Then there are food manufacturers and processors, and finally those who transport and then stock and sell our finished foodstuffs—all deserve that most essential of sentiments, gratitude.

In gratitude, we say thankyou to shopkeepers and lorry drivers; thankyou to manufacturers; thankyou to farmers; and finally and not least, thankyou to God our Provider

Brian Streeter

AROUND THE PARISHES

Coniston and Torver

Rainfall, Garden House, Coniston, July 2022

Total - 147.9mm (5.8ins)

Wet days - 20

More than 1mm on 16 days

Wettest day - 23rd - 48mm (1.9ins)

Keeping Coniston Warm & Fed

The Christian community in Coniston is working with the Parish Council and other organisations to develop support for families and vulnerable older members of the village who may struggle through the coming winter. Ideas include blankets for children, a free communal warm space (hopefully with hot drinks and soup, games and films) and a place to donate or take foodstuffs anonymously. Everyone is welcome to contribute to this enterprise in whatever way they can, please contact Brian Streeter, mob: **07505 048736** or Alex Stewart, email: **alexruth.stewart@gmail.com**



Still Glides the Stream at Torver Schoolroom

Thanks for the support and help in all its guises that made this exhibition so inviting and welcoming. From Millom, Haverigg, Broughton, Colton, Penny Bridge, Kirkby, Coniston and Torver....the visitors came from this country and abroad. Not a huge footfall but lots of creative conversations and planning between those manning the event.

Val Towndrow (Schoolroom Committee)

Coniston Bowling Club - Domino / pie & peas events

As a result of rising costs, uncertainty regarding future catering arrangements, apprehension following COVID and the fact that I am fast approaching eighty(!) I have decided not to continue with the organisation of the winter domino/pie and pea events in the Coniston Institute. On behalf of Coniston Bowling Club may I express our appreciation to everyone involved in the success of these events over the past years. They have provided invaluable financial support to the Club as well as proving to be socially enjoyable.

If there is anyone willing to take up the challenge of running such events in the future then please contact me on either of these phone numbers:

Home : **015394 41564** Mobile : **07854 274086**

John Darragh (Coniston Bowling Club)

Barbara Butterworth

Barbara's friends and family gathered on 2nd August to say a fond farewell to a much-loved member of the Coniston community. Her nephew, Keith, in particular was touched by the many expressions of love and affection and donations in Barbara's memory came to £340, which will be divided equally between Coniston Methodist Church and Coniston Mountain Rescue Team. Many thanks to all for these gifts.

Welcome to Coniston

At the start of September, South Lakes Methodist Circuit will welcome Rev Grace Cauldwell as our new Minister, in succession to Rev Graham Ransom. Part of her responsibilities will be to look after Coniston Methodist Church and we look forward to her sharing in the life of our village community. Grace has already said how pleased she is to be joining us and how excited she is at what is already going on in Coniston and we know she will not be disappointed as she gets to know us all better.

Phil's Big Run: For Coniston Mountain Rescue Team.



On 11th September, Coniston Mountain Rescue Team supporter Phil Glennon will be participating in The Great North Run. He is running the world's biggest half marathon to raise vital funds for the team.

As an entirely voluntary organisation we rely on the generosity of the public. Your donations enable us to continue providing a life saving service in the local area.

If you would like to sponsor Phil, please visit his JustGiving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Phil-Glennon2>

Many thanks for all of your continued support and good luck Phil!

Liz Ribchester

Fundraising - Coniston Mountain Rescue Team

Coniston Over 70's Christmas Lunch

Could anyone who lives in Coniston, who is not already on our over 70's list and would like to be included for the Christmas lunch in December please contact Gill on **015394 41136**.

Ruskin Museum

Coniston Railway Exhibition

10th September - 13th November



Pictures, images and artefacts of the Railway line from Broughton to Coniston.

Entrance fee does apply unless you're a local but proof is required.

Coniston Institute

Ian Smith, retired HM Coroner for South and East Cumbria.

is giving a talk on the inquests he was involved with, for example Donald Campbell, The Lady in the Lake, the Grayrigg Train Crash and many more.

This will be a fascinating and interesting talk.

Thursday 3rd November 2022

Tickets and more info at **www.conistoninstitute.uk**

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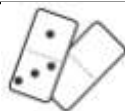
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Lunch and Dominoes

Come and join us for a new venture.
soup/roll and pud, tea/coffee, followed by dominoes
All for £5.00

Starting on **Wednesday 12th October** at 12.30 in the Institute Reading Room.
Contact **Jean** on **015394 41617** for more details and bookings,
no later than Mon 10th October.



WATER YEAT VILLAGE HALL

welcomes once more



Kim Richey

Kim needs no introduction to Water Yeat audiences. She is a storyteller with a voice so pure, arresting and honest, it literally aches with life's truths. She transports the listener to a world where words paint pictures and melodies touch the soul.

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www.e-voice.org.uk/wyvvh

www.kimrichey.com



Lowick Parish Council

Ian Wharton will provide Lowick Council with £165 to help kick start Community Projects. We would like to ask parishioners for their ideas. All proposals will be considered though we will be looking to support those which involve the greatest number of parishioners. Please contact Christine, our Parish Clerk, on lowickpcc@outlook.com.

The fourth Road Safety meeting will be hosted by Egton with Newland on 7th September at 7.30pm in Greenodd Village Hall.

Egton cum Newland

Do you have unfinished embroidery/knitting items in the back of a cupboard?

Would you like the opportunity to share ideas and spend time with like-minded ladies?

If so please come along and join our friendly self-help group.

Knitting & Stitching Ladies at Greenodd Village Hall

Monday evenings 7 - 9 pm
Commencing 12th September (for 12 weeks)
A further 12 weeks commencing in January 2023

Small charge to cover hire of hall
(amount dependent on numbers attending)

For further information phone **Chris 01229 861198**

Colton

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

Colton Parish Council has two vacancies for Parish Councillors, and you might be just the person we're looking for!

What does Colton Parish Council do?

We have a truly local focus. We provide a forum for people who live and work in our area to raise local priorities. We are a channel for ensuring the views of our communities can be fed into discussions with bodies such as the planning authority, neighbouring councils, and organisations active in our patch.

We are one of the bodies that planners must consult before they make a planning decision that affects our parish. We discuss relevant planning and development proposals and share the community's opinions on these matters with the planning authority.

We give grants to support local activities through our Community Fund and we support our village halls.

When opportunities arise, we apply for funding to help us invest in projects that enhance our area.

Current work includes:

Protecting and increasing biodiversity through our funding for Greening Our Highways. We are delivering this work through a partnership with Rusland Horizons.

Improving road safety by working with District and County Councillors and by employing a lengthsman to carry out small maintenance tasks.

Building community resilience and winter preparedness.

Supporting action on the climate emergency by working with Green Sparks and other community initiatives.

How much time would I need to give?

We meet about once a month (excluding August). Meetings are held on a Monday evening between 7pm and 9pm. Each month we meet in a different village hall. If you need transport, we can organise a car share.

Between meetings you need to have time to read planning applications, talk to neighbours if issues come up and respond to Council emails. You may also be asked to join a sub-committee or working party; the time required for these is variable and it's up to you how much you get involved.

All the Councillors are volunteers; they can claim expenses to cover costs incurred. You can get details from the Clerk.

Want to know more?

Talk to one of our local Councillors. There's information about who's who on our website. See <https://coltonparishcouncil.org.uk/> or email the Clerk clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

Come along to one of our meetings and see for yourself. Our next meeting is at **7pm on Monday 5th September** at Rookhow in Rusland. All welcome!

Colton Church Fete, July 16th

The sun came out – people came up the hill from far and wide to be cheerfully greeted by the Furness Morris Dancers, who contributed to a particularly happy afternoon.

Children dressed up, played games and won prizes amidst laughter and fun.

Leven Valley and Penny Bridge schools supported the event. There was buying and selling of books, toys and the inevitable bric-a-brac, and the anticipation of a worthwhile raffle. We all enjoyed and bought delicious cakes – in convivial company.

Something for everyone and a special thank you to many people. A rewarding (£1,800) occasion for Colton Church.

Susan King

Bouth Village Hall

The village hall at Bouth will be having refurbishment from 1st of September with money from Lottery funding and other fundings and help from volunteers, hopefully to be completed by spring next year.

Reports

Crake Valley Walking Group

We all know that regular walking is good for your physical health.

We all know that regular social contact is good for your mental health.

What better than to combine the two and go walking with other local people in our fantastic valley and perhaps further afield.

Let's see if we can form a Crake Valley Walking Group. That is an informal group of people who would like to get out in the company of other like-minded locals. This could be for regular scheduled walks, or making contact at short notice when the weather is good and the body is willing. It could be for short local walks, or longer days out over the fell tops, whatever people want to do. We are so fortunate to live in this wonderful area, and no doubt there are friendships to be formed amongst people who you may not otherwise meet. Let's see if we can make more use of these possibilities. Note that most of the walking may tend to be in the Crake valley and immediate environs, and anyone will be welcome to come along.

If you are interested then please make contact with:

John Cleaver by e-mail to **cvw@cle.me.uk**, SMS / Whatsapp / call to **07766 927739** or join Facebook Group **Crake Valley Walkers**.



Brantwood News and Views

Where has the summer almost gone



Our 2022 programme of exhibitions continues with 'Ruskin's Perspective: The Art of Abstraction' in the Blue Gallery. This exhibition draws on a cultural history of maths to explore 19th century scientific ideas about the relationship of things and their properties to each other.

In the Severn Studio local artist Daniel Cooper returns to Brantwood with his new 10th Anniversary exhibition 'An Echo in the Sky' which comes at the time he celebrates a decade in a career as a professional artist living and working in Cumbria. The collection of original work describes the place where it all started for Cooper: Brantwood. Opens on 13th August until 20th September. Dan's exhibition is followed by 'Another look: revisiting Lake District Landscapes' an exhibition of paintings & photographs by David Fulford, Andy Mortimer and Chris Tribble. On display from 24th September – 31st December 2022.

For full details of all our exhibitions and events, please visit our website www.brantwood.org.uk. (Tel: **015394 41396**).



Mothers' Union

Members of St Andrew's Coniston Mothers' Union, welcomed Carlisle Diocesan President, Debbie Lee and the Action and Outreach unit leader Daphne Sissons on the last leg of their sponsored bike ride in aid of the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. During the last month they have visited one Cathedral, three Pories and 48 churches, a total of 52 Mothers' Union groups. The Harvest appeal supports women in Palestine and literacy and agricultural training in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Following refreshments, Debbie led the group in the Mothers' Union International Mid-Day Prayers. Needless to say numerous photos followed, before the Coniston members waved the cyclists good bye wishing them well for their ride down the east of the lake in the rain to their final group in Cartmel.

Their next event is hosting The Furness Deanery Quiet Afternoon on Monday 26th September which is taking the form of Choral Evensong; all welcome.

Members also met to celebrate three August birthdays plus the Mothers' Union Founder, Mary Sumner. World-wide mid-day prayers were read and Mary Sumner's personal prayer before members enjoyed a delicious lunch and birthday cake, all provided by one member. Discussion ranged from the past good old days to future politics and more.

Egton WI

Well we are certainly in the middle of summer and our meeting in July seems long ago. We had a fabulous meeting with Andy from Shed1Gin Distillery coming to talk to us along with, of course, the very desirable samples to taste! It was great to hear about another local success story as they are based in Ulverston. I can highly recommend their talk and another positive is if you wait until after the talk to ask for volunteers for various tasks it did the trick. Ha.

A couple of weeks later we had another wonderful session of croquet one evening which was enjoyed by all. Pimms was on tap as was the sunshine so what more could we ask for. This was followed in early August by a day trip up north. The main object of the trip was to visit Devil's Porridge, the site of the munitions factory in Gretna. It was a most informative tour, if somewhat disturbing due to the nature of the subject but well worth visiting. We had a room set aside for us to have our pre-ordered lunch together and we were well looked after. Having had a stop en route at Houghton Hall we ended the day with time at the Gretna shopping outlet, a must for most ladies.

Our next meeting will be in Greenodd Village Hall on the evening of Tuesday 13th September when a representative from "Sunbeams Music Trust" will be coming to talk to us. We will by then hopefully be in the position to hand over a nice cheque to them as they have been our charity to support for this last year. If you would care to join us or even just to find out more about us then please feel free to contact me on **07519 144799**.

Gill Tame

Bouth WI

Bouth W.I. Girls' outing was very successful with a shopping trip to Boundary Mill at Colne which included morning coffee on arrival, then shopping til lunch, then more shopping til 3pm. The photo was taken outside on the patio having a glass of wine while waiting for the coach at 4pm to take us back to Bouth. All in all everyone had a great day out.

Jenny



Coniston WI

On September 13th an 'extra' meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the Reading Room where we will listen to a speaker on our water quality and our rivers.
On September 20th we are visiting Tebay & Orton WI who will host a guided tour of Orton and a tour of a Dolls House Collection.

Gill Irwin



Northern Area Stockman Competition

Cumbria Young Farmers have been busy over the summer months, travelling the length and breadth of the country to show off their skills in national young farmer competitions. Saturday 23rd July saw the very best stock judges in the county head to Darlington Farmers' Auction Mart at Humbleton Park, Darlington to compete in the Northern Area Stockman and Young Stock judge of the Year competition hosted by County Durham YFC.



The final results for the Stockman of the Year were:

1st: Cumbria A: Amy Bowness, Alice and Will Longmire, Luke Hodgson (pictured)

7th: Cumbria B: Will Rogerson, James Robinson, Ellen Elliott, Rachel Nixon

8th: Cumbria C: Angus, Clark, Kitty Steele, Joseph Wills

Although a day of mixed fortunes, all the young farmers who took part in the competition thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Good Luck to all those who will go on to compete at the National Final on the 4th September at the Stock Judging Weekend.

NFYFC National Competition Finals

After success at District, County and Northern Area rounds, members from Cumbria Young Farmers headed to the NFYFC national competition finals in Stafford on the 9th and 10th July to test their skills and expertise against young farmers from around the UK.

Amongst some tough competition from other counties, the After Dinner Speaking Cumbria A team (pictured) of Ben Cooper, Luke Hodgson, Leah Clough and Alice and William Longmire (Lowick YFC) took a well deserved 2nd place.



Rusland Horizons Trust News

Vote for Colton's tree of the year

A hawthorn hedgerow, located in Colton, has made the shortlist for the Woodland Trust's Tree of the Year awards! The gnarled and twisted tree, estimated to be over 170 years old, is one in a small line of hawthorns marking a land boundary. No longer managed as part of the hedgerow it belongs to, the tree has now taken on a sprawling appearance, making it look even more spectacular!

Vote now and help make this Rusland Valley Hawthorn Hedgerow Tree of the Year. Voting is open until Monday 31st October and you can vote via the Woodland Trust's website. The tree is listed as number 5. "Hedgerow Hawthorn. Cumbria" on the webpage below.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/tree-of-the-year/>

Keep up to date with all our latest events and news through our newsletter, website and on social media - Facebook and Instagram. If you haven't yet subscribed to our newsletter, our most recent summer edition has a full update on all the news from Rusland Horizons and can be found on our website **www.ruslandhorizons.org**.

Oxen Park Cinema Club



The next event is a showing of "Belfast" on Saturday 6th September - book in online at **www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk**.

Members have first choice of seats.

If you missed getting a programme at the Rusland Show look out for them at the Lowick Show, or at The Manor in Oxen Park. You may be lucky and get one delivered through your door.

LOWICK SHOW

the Lowick 'L'al Royal' show

163rd Show



Saturday 3rd September 2022
gates open at 8.30am

Adults £6 | Under 16's £2.50 | Under 5's FREE | Car Park FREE

For over 160 years the communities along and around the Crake Valley have celebrated annually in display and competition of the fruits of their labour

There is something for everyone...

Classes to enter... Livestock/Horses/Home Produce

Enter on the day... Novelty Dogs/ Children's Games

*What's on... Licensed Beer Tent/Refreshment Tent/
Children's Races/Trade Stands/Local Crafts Tent...*

Keeping the entertainment going...

The Beer Tent will be open throughout the day until 8pm.

Featuring live music from 5pm.

All welcome!



Find the show fields next to the A5084 Greenodd to Coniston Road just
a few hundred metres south of Lowick Bridge. SAT NAV LA12 8EE

www.lowickshow.co.uk

Broughton and Coniston District Councillors' Update

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

A Council plan which will confirm the high level strategic direction and vision has been developed and Consultations are beginning.

WATERBIRD PROJECT – PUBLIC DISPLAY

In June, the Waterbird, a hydroplane (seaplane) took off on Windermere re-enacting the original, historic flight in 1910 of the first hydroplane. The trials were successful and there will be a

Waterbird Public Display, 22nd and 23rd September, 2pm to 6pm
Low Cunsey Farm, Cunsey



If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with car parking, please contact Ian.

VISITOR MANAGEMENT

On the weekend of the 12th to 14th August, we experienced the busiest weekend of the year. With temperatures over 30°C and school holidays, we expected and were extremely busy with virtually everyone wanting to get to the lake. So the east side, Monk Coniston to Waterhead, Lake Road and Brown Howe to Sunny Bank were all extremely busy with congestion and bad parking. The Safer Lakes Teams had extra patrols, dealing with Security, Lake Rangers, Fly Camping, Parking Enforcement, Litter Picking and Fires. Unfortunately, despite lobbying from District Councillors, the National Parks and some Cumbrian MPs, to keep the 56 day status for pop up camping and parking, the Government turned down our pleas. So, we had fewer parking sites available. Typically, there was a patrol anywhere around the lake every 30 minutes and overnight. To put this into context, how busy the team were, they dealt with over 50 separate incidents on the Saturday alone. If you see any problems, please contact the Safer Lakes group on help@lakedistrict.gov.uk.

Contact us on **077784 30926**, if you have any queries/concerns, wish to volunteer, or would like any more information.

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Coniston Water - Designated Bathing Water Status Public Consultation

Water based activities are already, and increasingly, extremely popular on Coniston Water. The importance of such activities to people's physical and mental health is increasingly recognised. But serious concerns have arisen about frequent incidents of inadequate treatment of sewage at, or bypassing of, the sewage treatment works in Coniston and Torver.

The designation of parts of the lake as "bathing waters" would impose a legal requirement on the Environment Agency to carry out regular assessments of the water quality. Such a designation would also make it easier for United Utilities to obtain approval from its regulator OFWAT for any necessary expenditure on improvements to the capacity or effectiveness of the local sewage treatment works. It would also enable more effective public pressure to be applied to United Utilities to upgrade to an adequate level.

Degradation of the water quality in the lake could have immediate effects on the health of those who use it for a wide range of activities. It would also have a long-term adverse effect on the ecology of the lake with its rare and internationally important species.

In order to attain Designated Bathing Water Status records must be made of the number of bathers and other undertakers of water based activities on the 20 most busy days at the parts of the lake that are candidates for designation - this process is ongoing. A submission must then be made to DEFRA, this is to be done by Coniston Parish Council.

As part of this application a public consultation has been arranged for:

Wednesday 21st September at 7pm at the Reading Rooms, Coniston Institute

Please attend to find more about this process and to share your valuable thoughts and comments.

Tracy Coward - Chair, Coniston Parish Council

tracy.coward@coniston.info

Oxen Park Dog Club



A short fun session focusing on socialisation and obedience skills. Mainly for pups and young dogs but all welcome. Tuesdays at 6.30pm during August and September, beside Oxen Park Reading Room. 45 - 60 minutes, £2.

Contact Carol for details and interest: **01229 861507** or **crlmcneill@gmail.com**

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH by Rev. David Gregg

SEPTEMBER 21ST : ST. MATTHEW'S DAY

A parish priest from the Episcopal Church of the U.S.A. was phoned up by the Revenue Department to check if a donation of \$1500, on which someone was claiming Income Tax relief, *had* actually been paid over. "I'm not quite sure," replied the pastor. "But, *if you ring back tomorrow, I'm sure the answer will be 'yes'!!*"

September 21st is St. Matthew's Day (of personal importance to me, as I was ordained presbyter on that day, over fifty years ago.) One of the very few things that we know about Matthew is that he was working as a tax-collector for the Roman occupiers when called to be a disciple of Jesus. As such, he would be very familiar with handling records and documents, and one suggestion is that he may have acted as a sort of "secretary" to the Apostolic Group.

This gift/tendency is also reinforced by the earliest mention of Matthew outside of the biblical writings, when a mid-second century writer, Papias, in discussing the origins of the gospels, records that Matthew compiled a collection of *logia* (= "sayings") from the Hebrew Scriptures which appear to form the backbone of St. Matthew's Gospel. The first gospel is nowhere attributed to Matthew as such, and it is quite possible that a Sanhedrin-trained scholar (perhaps Paul?) used Matthew's 'logia' to compile this gospel particularly directed to the Jews. (2 Timothy ch. 4 vv 11-13 suggests such a probability.)

Matthew also has the additional name of "Levi". In the books of Chronicles and elsewhere the Levites are chiefly given the responsibility as organizers, overseers, instructors and guides to the leaders and heads of the Temple, the Capital City (Jerusalem) and the Tribes. They are the Administrators of the people of God. (As a light aside, on administrators, I once read a column in the "Daily Telegraph" which contained a letter from the Commander of a Minesweeper stationed at Plymouth. He said that they had received a leaflet from the Admiralty pointing out the excessive waste of paper involved in Naval administration, and urging them to exercise restraint. He had no quarrel with the sentiments, but he was somewhat aghast that his little ship, with a complement of just thirty-five crew, had been sent 500 copies!

There are many administrative rôles in the Church – Secretaries, Treasurers, Organizers of events, clubs and groups, magazine editors and producers to name but a few. Gifts of administration are listed among the specific gifts of the Holy Spirit.

"There are varieties of service, but the same Lord," writes Paul (1 Corinthians 12:5). In the King James Version it is translated as "differences of administrations...." Later on, in the same chapter, he lists ".... Healers, helpers, *administrators*, speakers in various kinds of tongues" among the roles appointed by God in the Church. Actually, at the heart of the word, in Greek as in English, is the word for "*ministry*"! If, like me, you are tempted to find administration a bit onerous, perhaps we should take to heart the Apostle's general admonition, "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord, and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ."

Parish Prayer Diary - September 2022

1st: Pray for our local parish Councillors preparing for their respective September Parish Council meetings.

2nd: Pray for the local Agricultural and Horticultural shows taking place this month.

3rd: Pray for couples who will today marry in our local churches.

4th: **Sunday, the first day of the week**

Remembering our heavenly Father is always more ready to hear us than we are to pray, ask he will increase his grace within us that we, ever thankful, may serve him with freedom and joy.

5th: Pray for children and teaching staff returning to school this week; pray for children anxious about starting a new school.

6th: Pray for the Government.

7th: Pray for Benefice Staff team meeting this afternoon.

8th: Pray for those who help children, young people and adults to read and write.

9th: Pray for St Mary's Hospice.

10th: Pray for people in a dark place mentally, feeling without hope and life purpose. Pray someone will today come alongside and walk the journey to recovery with them.

11th: **Sunday, the first day of the week**

Father God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in our times of weakness, now and in all our days.

12th: Pray for the Suffragan Bishop of Penrith, the Rt Rev Rob Saner-Haigh.

13th: Pray for the millions of people worldwide living with non-visible disabilities that challenge their movements, senses and activities.

14th: Pray for our farming community, providing quality food for the nation and working to conserve wildlife habitat.

15th: Pray for our local care homes, for managers and all staff creating a safe and happy environment for the residents in their care.

16th: Pray for those waiting for hospital treatment or surgery.

17th: Pray for students leaving home for the first time to commence a university course, and pray for their families as they help with logistics and early support.

18th: **Sunday, the first day of the week**

Jesus opened a new and living way into the presence of Almighty God, so let us with pure hearts and steadfast wills worship him in Spirit and Truth.

19th: Pray for Christians in Pakistan enduring tyranny and lack of religious freedom, especially converts who are most vulnerable. Pray for churches experiencing extreme violence designed to intimidate, challenge and threaten clergy offering rights, protection and freedoms to Christian minorities in Pakistan.

20th: Pray for families struggling to meet their bills and provide for their children.

21st: Pray for people with dementia and for those who care for them.

22nd: Pray for young people starting, or preparing for, their chosen Apprenticeship; that they settle quickly into the new routine of travel, working, learning and study.

23rd: Pray for all who work within the waste and recycling industry.

24th: Pray for the Open Doors *Standing Strong* events today and for Bishop Daniel from Iraq who will be one of the speakers.

25th: Sunday, the first day of the week

May the Lord our God, defend his world-wide Church from all false teaching so that his faithful people, knowing his truth and proclaiming Jesus as Lord, may know and enjoy eternal life in Christ's Kingdom today and for ever.

26th: Pray for those working in prisons, probation and youth justice services.

27th: Pray for Young Farmers meetings and events.

28th: Pray for organisations that work with vulnerable people on our streets and in hidden places of deprivation, as workers reach out to people affected by homelessness, addiction, debt, modern slavery and other perilous situations.

29th: Pray for School Governors and Head Teachers at Penny Bridge CE Academy, Coniston CE Primary and John Ruskin schools, for wisdom and inspiration in guiding our children in Kingdom ways.

30th: Pray with thankfulness for the harvest season and praise our heavenly Father who faithfully answers our prayer "give us today our daily bread".

Prayer Hour

Monthly opportunity to meet for just one hour in Penny Bridge church, to pray for items posted on the prayer board, for the churches in our Benefice, for our communities, and for the wider world.

Next Prayer Hour will be **Wednesday 7th September, 10am-11am**

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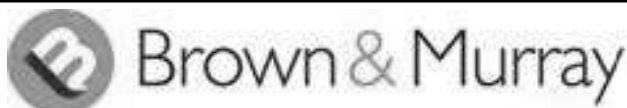
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6 th	Film: Belfast (see page 16), OPCC	Carthouse Cinema, Oxen Park
7 th	Road Safety meeting, Blawith, Lowick & Egton Parish Councils, 7.30pm	Greenodd Village Hall
10 th	Railway Exhibition opens	Ruskin Museum
19 th	Rusland Horizons AGM	Outback Hall, Backbarrow
21 st	Lake Bathing Water Public	Coniston Institute Reading Room
22 nd - 23 rd	Waterbird plane display	Low Cunsey Farm
24 th	Concert: Kim Richey, 8pm	Water Yeat Village Hall
26 th	Mothers' Union Quiet Afternoon (see page 13)	Coniston

What's On Guide - regular events

Mondays from 12 th Sept	Knitting and Stitching, 7pm (see page 10)	Greenodd Village Hall
2 nd & 4 th Fri	Gifts & Talents: Art Group 10.30am - 12.30	Tottlebank Baptist Church
Wednesday	Volunteer Day 10am - 4pm and Community Lunch, 1pm prompt	Farmers' Arms, Lowick
Thursday	"Young at Heart" exercise and lunch, 11am	Coniston S&S Centre
Thursday	Volunteer Day 9.30 - 3.30pm	Brantwood Gardens
2 nd Tuesday	Egton WI, 7.30pm, new or prospective members welcome	Greenodd Village Hall
3 rd Tuesday	Coniston WI, 7.30pm, new or prospective members welcome	Coniston Institute
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